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SURVEY OF FARM HOME CONDITIONS

TO THE HOMEMAKER ON THE FARM:

The farm has been carefully studied as a production center and a place of business, but little study has been made of the farm home. We know pretty well how the farmer raises his crops and what improved machinery he uses, but no comprehensive study has been undertaken of the amount and kind of work done by the farm homemaker, the number of hours she works, the labor-saving devices she uses, and the social opportunities she enjoys or lacks.

In view of this fact, the Cooperative Extension Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the State Colleges of Agriculture desire to make a preliminary study to learn what the facts are. Your cooperation as a homemaker in helping us make this study will be greatly appreciated.

Will you kindly fill out the narrative below, and mail it **Today** in the addressed official envelope (which requires no postage) and greatly oblige. Your replies will be regarded as entirely confidential.

In Filling out the narrative record below please observe these few simple directions—

1. Read each paragraph **entirely through** at least once before you begin to fill in the blanks.
2. Cross out the words indicating the condition that does **not** exist, the articles you do **not** have, so that the words you leave will make a true statement of what you do and what you have.
3. Fill in the blanks relating to numbers or distances with great accuracy. **The value of the Record will depend upon the accuracy of the figures you furnish.**
4. Do not write any explanations into the text. If you complete each sentence of the narrative, it will give us all the facts we need. If you feel you must add explanations, place a * at the proper place in the text, and a starred note at the head of the record.

NARRATIVE RECORD OF FARM HOME CONDITIONS

- I. We live in the State of _____, county of _____, township of _____.
We _____ a farm of _____ acres. It is a _____ farm.
(own, rent, work on shares) (number) (general, dairy, other)
- II. We are _____ miles from the village or town where we do the ordinary trading, and
(number)
the family uses _____ to get back and forth to town.
(auto, carriage, other means)
- III. We are _____ miles from the nearest district school, _____ miles from the nearest high
(number) (number)
school, and _____ miles from the nearest church; _____ miles from our doctor, _____
(number) (number) (number)
miles from the nearest hospital, and _____ miles from the nearest available trained
(number)
nurse. We have ^a } telephone.
- IV. During the last twelve months _____ members of the family have been ill in bed, mak-
(number)
ing a total of _____ days illness in bed for the year.
(number)

- V. Our family consists of _____ men over sixteen years of age, _____ women over sixteen years of age, _____ children between 10 and 16 years, and _____ children under 10 years. On account of illness or old age, _____ members of the family are _____ partially } totally } unable to care for themselves.
- VI. We have _____ hired men, whom we do } do not } board in the house for _____ months in the year. We usually take on _____ extra helpers at special seasons such as harvest, silo filling time, or thrashing time, so that in all we usually furnish _____ dinner } all three meals } to _____ extra men for _____ weeks each year.
- VII. We have _____ hired girl, whom we employ for _____ months a year. We _____ have } have not } a woman to help by the day, who comes _____ days a week and helps with _____.
- VIII. There are _____ rooms in our house. We use _____ of these rooms in winter and _____ in summer.
- IX. Our house is lighted by { lamps } gas } electricity } It is heated by { stoves } furnace } There are _____ stoves for heating, not counting the cook stove. I do } do not } carry the fuel and the ashes for these stoves.
- X. The family washing is } is not } done at home; the ironing is } is not } done at home. I make _____ of my own underwear; I make _____ of my outer garments; I make _____ of the children's clothing; I make _____ of the men's clothing; I spend _____ hours per week in repairing the family clothing; I make _____ of my bread.
- XI. I have the following **regular** help with the housework from _____ members of the family: _____.
- XII. I consider my kitchen _____ arranged. It is _____ steps from my work table to my sink; _____ steps from table to stove; _____ steps from table to cellar door; _____ steps from table to kitchen pantry; _____ steps to dining table. My work table is _____ inches high.

XIII. I have the following labor savers in my kitchen (cross out those you do not have):—
 running water, sink with drain, linoleum on floor, kitchen cabinet (commercial or
 built in), bread mixer, fireless cooker, canner (hot water bath or steam pressure),
 steam cooker, wheel tray, dumb waiter to cellar. I ^{do}_{do not} use a kerosene stove for
 cooking in hot weather. I ^{have}_{have not} a screened-in kitchen porch.

In addition I have the following labor savers (cross out those you do not have):—

washing machine run by {^{hand,}_{power,} ^{gas}_{gasoline}^{electric}} iron, carpet sweeper, vacuum sweeper,
 vacuum cleaner run by {^{hand,}_{power,} sewing machine, dress-form.

NOTE. If you do not have running water in the kitchen, please fill in the following paragraph:—

XIV. We have ^{a pump}_{no water supply} in the kitchen. (Water for cooking and washing has to be
 carried by hand from a source of supply _____ feet distant. I ^{do}_{do not} carry
 (number)
 the water.)

XV. There ^{is}_{is not} running water in the barn. There ^{is}_{is not} power in the farm in the form
 of _____
 (gasoline engine, water power, etc.)

XVI. We have (cross out those you do not have):—an outdoor closet, chemical closet, indoor
 closet with {^{septic tank,}_{cess pool,} bath tub with running hot and cold water. Our windows and
 doors ^{are}_{are not} screened.

XVII. We keep about _____ chickens. I ^{do}_{do not} take care of them. The eggs are marketed as
 (number)
 follows: _____ I ^{do}_{do not} keep a record of the number

of eggs I sell and the money received. The egg money {^{is used for general housekeeping expenses.}_{is my own to use as I please.}

The money from the sale of poultry {^{is used for general housekeeping expenses.}_{is my own to use as I please.}

XVIII. We have _____ cows. I ^{do}_{do not} help with the milking. I ^{do}_{do not} wash the {^{milk pails}_{separator}
 (number)

I ^{do}_{do not} make butter. I ^{do}_{do not} sell butter. I market my butter as follows: _____

_____ I ^{do}_{do not} keep a record of the amount of butter

sold and the money received. The butter money {^{goes for general household expenses.}_{is my own to spend as I please.}

XIX. We have ^a_{no} vegetable garden. I ^{do}_{do not} take most of the care of this garden after the
 ground has been prepared.

XX. I $\begin{smallmatrix} \text{do} \\ \text{not} \end{smallmatrix}$ help care for the livestock other than the poultry. I $\begin{smallmatrix} \text{do} \\ \text{not} \end{smallmatrix}$ help with the field work, for about _____ weeks in the year.
(number)

XXI. We $\begin{smallmatrix} \text{do} \\ \text{not} \end{smallmatrix}$ keep farm accounts. I $\begin{smallmatrix} \text{do} \\ \text{not} \end{smallmatrix}$ help keep these books. I $\begin{smallmatrix} \text{do} \\ \text{not} \end{smallmatrix}$ keep household accounts.

XXII. My working day begins **in summer** at about ____ o'clock a. m., and closes at ____ o'clock p. m. (time spent in family sewing and mending should be included in working day). Out of this day I have about _____ hours free each day for rest or recreation. **In**
(number) **winter** my working day begins at ____ o'clock a. m., and ends at ____ o'clock p. m., and I have about _____ hours free each day for rest or recreation.
(number)

XXIII. I $\begin{smallmatrix} \text{do} \\ \text{not} \end{smallmatrix}$ have a regular vacation each year, lasting about _____ days. (Perhaps the
(number) following will come nearer to fitting your case—if so, fill out the blank in this sentence):—I do not have any regular vacation, but we take days off during the year, so that I am away from my home cares _____ days on the average each year.
(number)

XXIV. We have $\begin{smallmatrix} \text{a} \\ \text{no} \end{smallmatrix}$ farm bureau in this county. I $\begin{smallmatrix} \text{am} \\ \text{not} \end{smallmatrix}$ a member of it. I believe the farm bureau $\begin{smallmatrix} \text{is} \\ \text{not} \end{smallmatrix}$ a good thing for the farmer.

I have come in contact with the following agents employed by the farm bureau (cross out those with whom you have not come in contact):—county agent, home demonstration agent, boys' and girls' club agent. I have acted successfully upon the following suggestions: _____

received from _____
(county agent, home demonstration agent, etc.)

I have also come in contact with the following branches of the State Extension Service (cross out those with which you have not come in contact):—farmers' institutes, extension schools (short courses), study or farmers' clubs, single lectures or demonstrations.

Considering all the agricultural extension agencies mentioned above, and also the farm papers, the one from which I have received the most help in my work is _____

(name of agency)

Signed _____

Address _____

Date _____